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PATENT 1-24-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/578,038 Confirmation No. 6470
Applicant : Tomoyoshi YABE
Filed : May 25, 2000
TC/A.U. : 2623
Examiner : Virginia M. Kibler

Docket No. : HIAS.95176
Customer No. : 30902

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 12, 2003. This extension will extend the time the response is due from December 12, 2003 to January 12, 2004.

A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.
 Charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 referencing docket no. HIAS.95176.

Respectfully submitted,

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